

# Latin Cafe

January 13, 2022





# Welcome!

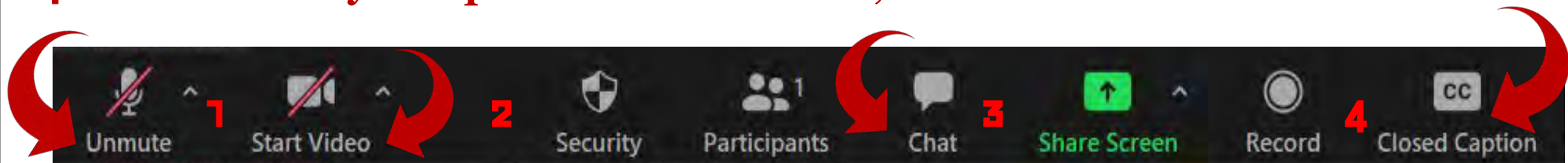


## Agenda

- Welcome
- School news
- COVID Information & Updates
- Questions & Answers

## Housekeeping notes

1. **Please stay muted** to eliminate background noise.
2. **Video is encouraged** (but up to you). We would love to see your faces!
3. **You can turn on live subtitles.** Click on the More link in the toolbar. e will answer some during the presentation and address others at the end.
4. **Please ask your questions in the chat, we will answer LIVE.**



## *Thanks to parents for your support!*



- PCSB meeting on 1/24/2022 to vote on our facility application.
- Latin ads appearing this month!



## *New Day's Lyric - Amanda Gorman*



May this be the day  
We come together.  
Mourning, we come to mend,  
Withered, we come to weather,  
Torn, we come to tend,  
Battered, we come to better.  
Tethered by this year of yearning,  
We are learning  
That though we weren't ready for this,  
We have been readied by it.



## *Good News and Updates*



### Martin Luther King Day of Service

- Coming up this Monday, January 17
- No classes nor on-campus activities
- Instead, like last year, we are sharing opportunities that students/families can join in DC (see *Legenda*)

### Semester 2 begins Monday, January 24

- We are offering a range of new courses - from *Dinosaur Philosophy* to *Film Studies* and more!
- All S2 courses are listed on both Student & Parent Home pages of [latinpcs.org](http://latinpcs.org) under ***Course Guides***



# **COVID UPDATES**

## Washington Latin & DC

*Data available as of December 1, 2021*



### ***Latin Student Vaccination %***

All students **71%**  
7th-12th grade **92%**  
5th-6th grade **15%**

### ***Latin Faculty Vaccination %***

**96%**

### ***Latin COVID Cases since 8/27/21***

**21**

### ***All DC Student Vaccination %***

5-11 (partial + full) **11%**  
12-15 **49%**  
16-17 **46%**

### ***All DC Adult (18+) Vaccination %***

**74.7%**

### ***All DC School Cases since 8/28/21***

**2,003**

## Washington Latin & DC

*Latin data available as of January 13, 2022*



### ***Latin*** **Student Full Vaccination %**

All students **85%**  
7th-12th grade **92%**  
5th-6th grade **53%**

### ***Latin*** **Faculty Vaccination %**

**97%**  
(3% exemptions)

### ***Latin*** **COVID Cases**

*since 8/27/21*

**124**

*DC data available as of January 03, 2022\**

### ***All DC*** **Student Vaccination %**

5-11 (partial + full) **21%**  
12-15 (partial + full) **58%**  
16-17 (partial + full) **55%**

### ***All DC*** **Adult (18+) Vaccination %**

**77.4%**

### ***All DC*** **School Cases**

*since 8/28/21*

**2,846**



## *Vaccine Updates*



- DC businesses may now require customers to show a vax card before entering (as of 1/15/2022).
- Washington Latin requests that you send your children's updated cards as they move through doses/boosters.
- See the Google form we will share tomorrow in *Legenda*.

DC Health vaccine clinic at Latin on ***Tuesday 2/1/2022***

- Bring the card OR printed copy of the card
- Minors **must** be accompanied by parent/guardian from registration through vaccine administration.
  - Come with your child (no form necessary) ***OR***
  - Authorize a trusted adult with a signed, printed form with a temporary guardian (e.g., another Latin parent, relative, etc.)

# Results from Return-to-School Tests



*Data as of January 05, 2022, at the end of our on-campus testing*

Division	Negative	Positive	Quarantine	Total Students	No Result	Percent Tested	Quarantine Rate
Middle School	351	10	12	377	4	99%	6%
High School	334	16	9	365	6	98%	7%
<b>All</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>6%</b>

- Quarantine rate includes already in quarantine or tested positive at Latin and thus began quarantine last week.
- Any *non-results* were students who were out of town and unable to test on those days.
- ***ALL students have been tested if they are back in school!***



## *Plan for In-School Testing*



### *Antigen Testing - NEW addition to our COVID toolbox*

- **Previous restrictions** on this kind of testing have been lifted or changed recently.
- **Benefits** include getting immediate results to take appropriate action.
- **Challenges** include the costs and coverage for the testing (an evolving situation!)
- PCR tests will continue to be part of strategy as well.

### *Current (tentative) plan - through spring break*

- Latin will provide antigen tests for all students (regardless of vaccination status) every other week on campus.
- There is **no cost to families**, though Latin will need to fund the tests.
- DC government is providing kits for weekly testing of faculty.
- Latin will inform parents of any positive result ASAP, and students will need to leave campus as quickly as possible.

## ***So what happens if....?***



### **...my child at Latin tests positive at home?**

- Contact Martita Fleming to report the result.
- Work with Latin to determine close contacts.
- DC health may also follow up with you directly.
- Follow DC's quarantining rules (see below).

### **...my child at tests positive at school?**

- Latin will report positive results (not negative) as soon as possible.
- The student will need to go home immediately. Please see above.

***After a positive test: Quarantine period in DC is 10 days OR until symptom-free for anyone who tests positive.***

- Vaccinated contacts - no quarantine if test negative and are asymptomatic
- Unvaccinated contacts
  - Quarantine for 10 days OR
  - Quarantine for 5 days, test negative on Day 5 or later → may return on Day 7.



## ***So what happens if....?***



### **...my child shows any symptoms?**

Any symptom - including (but not limited to) fever, runny nose, vomiting, serious and otherwise unexplained headache - indicates illness and ***your child should stay home!***

### **...my child had symptoms at 8:00 pm but seems better this morning?**

Please keep them home for ***24-hours symptom-free*** before returning to school!

Remember the old Mother Goose nursery rhyme:

***Symptom-free all day & night  
helps us win the COVID fight!***



## *What about school during a quarantine?*

- If quarantined students are sick, ***they should rest and recover.***
- If quarantined students are asymptomatic, they cannot return until **ALL** of these are true:
  - The student has been asymptomatic for 24 hours.  
*(Symptom-free all day and night helps us win the COVID fight!)*
  - The full 10 days of quarantine have passed.
  - Their antigen test is negative (taken at home or upon return to campus).

Students healthy enough to do academics in quarantine receive additional support!

### **Our goals**

- ***Minimize academic consequences*** by ensuring access to assignments, materials and faculty
- ***Sustain engagement*** by providing academic and mental health support, as needed



# Athletics & Extra-Curriculars

## ***January 18, 2022 Return to Athletics with caveats***



- Some sports will return to competition, others will continue to hold.
- All athletes will get full credit for this season.
- Masks will be required for all athletes at all times ***except*** during active competition.  
Latin encourages them at all times.
- No spectators are allowed at any event.
- ***PLAYERS & PARENTS*** - watch for coach emails this week with specifics.

### **BASKETBALL**

- Varsity (boys & girls) - Practices restart Tuesday 1/18 and games will resume soon.
- JV (US boys) & MS (boys & girls) - Practices will restart next week (details TBD).  
Games are suspended except a single end-of-season tournament.

### **CHEER**

- Practices restart Tuesday 1/18. Team will cheer at home games only.

### **INDOOR TRACK**

- Practices restart Tuesday 1/18.

### **WRESTLING**

- Practices and meets on hold until mid-February.



## *Theatre*

Protocols to limit student contact and audiences include:

- 5th grade will video record their Fairy Tale projects without an audience.
- 6th grade's showcase is canceled.
- 7th grade will record selected scenes for their end-of-term projects.
- For the musical, *Pippin*:
  - Zoom rehearsals continue, but in-person rehearsals are coming soon.
  - Opening Night may be delayed (currently February 24); details to follow.

## *Music*

- We are spreading students in the space and using the outdoors on warmer days.
- **Winter Concert** information will be shared after Ms. Vercammen's return 1/24!



# QUESTIONS

